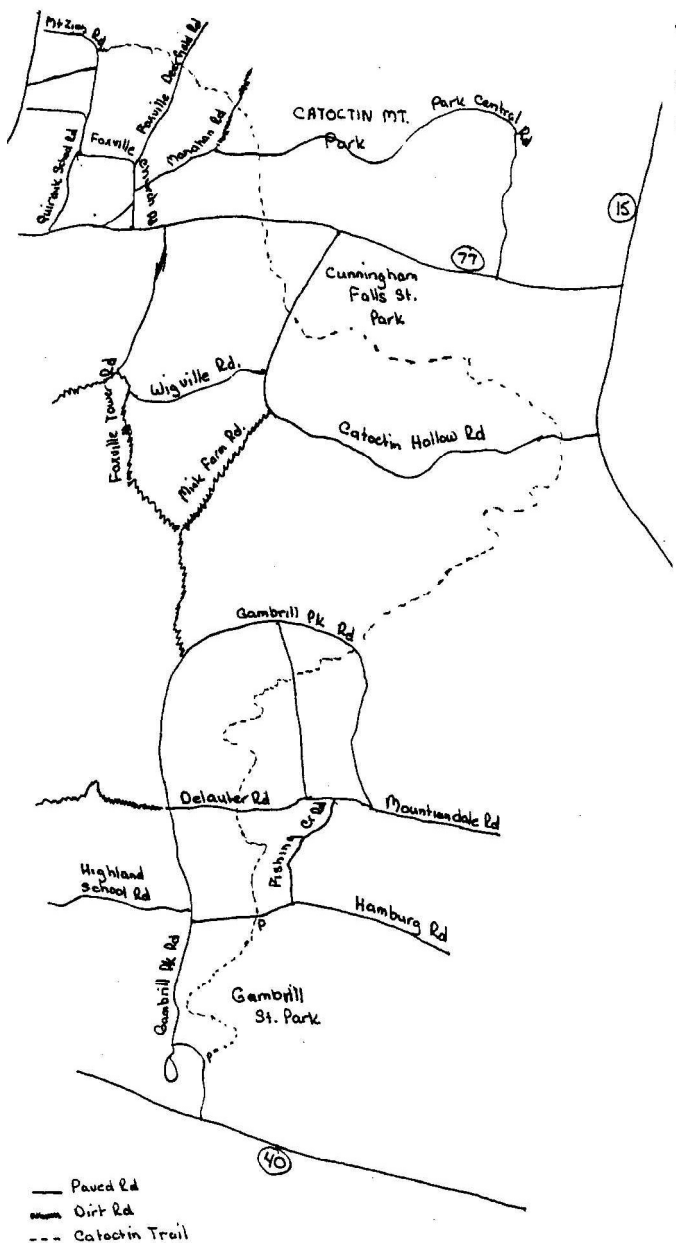


## CATOCTIN TRAIL - HAMBURG ROAD TO DELAUTER ROAD



The Catoclin Trail, marked by blue blazes, is a trail that starts at Gambrell State Park and continues north through the Frederick City Watershed, Cunningham Falls State Park, and Catoclin Mountain National Park. It is 26.5 miles long and eventually ends at Mount Zion Road, 1.3 miles north of Owens Creek Campground in Catoclin Mountain National Park.

I hiked a section of the trail from Hamburg Road to Delauter Road. This part of the trail was 6 miles round trip. There is a parking area where the trail crosses Hamburg Road that will accommodate about five cars.

The trail is rocky so tennis shoes or hiking boots are recommended. I hiked this part of the trail in the fall and the leaves were gorgeous. In fact we made a game of it to see how many different leaves we could find and identify. We think we identified the following trees: Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Tupelo, American Beech, Sassafras, Tulip Poplar, Chestnut Oak, Black Cherry, Red Bud, Big Toothed Aspen, Northern Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, and White Oak. What fun we had. All the time we were picking up leaves, we were serenaded by Tufted Titmice.